

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b><u>Monday, February 3</u></b>	NO SCHEDULED MASS
<b><u>Tuesday, February 4 (SN) 8:00am</u></b>	Priest's Intention/Exposition Closing 4pm
<b><u>Wednesday, February 5 (HF) 8:00am</u></b>	Marilyn Inkrott/Exposition Closing 8pm
<b><u>Thursday, February 6 (HF) 6:30pm</u></b>	Liv & Dec'd Palte & Horstman Families
<b><u>Friday, February 7 (SN) 8:00am</u></b>	Priest's Intention
<b><u>Saturday, February 8 (SN) 4:00pm</u></b>	Allan Brown/Erford & Salome Oedy/ Kris Tripp/Mary & Joseph Motycka/ Dwight Niese
<b><u>Saturday, February 8 (HF) 7:00pm</u></b>	For the Parish
<b><u>Sunday, February 9 (HF) 8:30am</u></b>	Jim Meyer/Mel Schroeder
<b><u>Sunday, February 9 (SN) 10:30am</u></b>	For the Parish

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30: 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/  
 Mk 5:21-43  
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
 Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

**SUNDAY READINGS**

Is 58:7-10  
 1 Cor 2:1-5  
 Mt 5:13-16

Those who cannot attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays and would like Holy Communion brought to them may contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481.

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My most recent winter break from our parishes (January 11 – 20) afforded me plenty of time to reflect and pray about my priestly service to all of you. One clear thought kept repeating itself in my mind and heart. It had to do with the perception some have that I am too busy to provide pastoral care when a need arises. "Oh, Monsignor", they will say, "you are a busy man, I did not want to bother you." One situation I recall two years ago involved a senior member of one of our parishes who had been hospitalized and needed long term care as they returned home. Months went by before a family member relayed to me that their homebound parent missed going to Mass. When I inquired why the family did not call me or the parish to see that pastoral care might be provided for their ailing parent, the response was "We know you are busy and did not want to disturb you." It saddens me to hear that I give the impression I am too busy to provide pastoral care to an ailing parishioner, or anyone in need, for that matter.

Regardless of anyone's perception, a priest is primarily appointed to a parish or parishes to save souls. This also means that he oversees the spiritual and pastoral needs of the flock entrusted to his care. He is trained in the spiritual methods of sanctifying God's people. While other lay members of the Church community are permitted to share in some of that care, a pastor needs to interact with his parishioners, especially those who are troubled, in need of prayers, in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick or Holy Eucharist. I am never too busy to provide these priestly services. That is why I am here and have been appointed by the Bishop to serve you. Should the situation arise that I am unable physically to fulfill such requests, I will find someone to do it or will adjust my schedule to see that our parishioners are cared for.

If you are aware of a homebound parishioner, one who has recently returned home from a hospital stay or simply cannot get to church for Mass; if you know a member of St. Nicholas or Holy Family parishes who lives alone and would like a monthly visit from the pastor on the first Friday of each month of the calendar year, please let us know. If you yourself or a family member is scheduled for surgery and feels the need to go to confession, receive the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion before the procedure, please let me know (419-509-6416). I will gladly accommodate the request after a parish Mass weekdays or weekends, or arrange a visit to the home to provide this priestly service. None of this is a burden to me, nor should it be to any priest. It is a labor of love for a priest to do these things for the people he has been called to serve.

I thank God each day for the grace given to me to serve as your pastor. As I relayed to our parishioners my very first weekend of appointment in July 2017, my mission here is quite simple: I am here to help you get to heaven.

*Monsignor Singler*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**January 25 & 26, 2020**

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>		<b>Holy Family:</b>	
Regular:	4,472.00	Regular:	4,690.95
Solemnity of Mary:	20.00	Energy:	10.00
Energy:	105.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,597.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,700.95</b>

***Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.***

**PUTNAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE** sends a heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Nicholas who generously donated \$3,829.00 to the Putnam County Right to Life organization.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTIZED RIVER KADE SCHNIPKE** son of Joshua & Brittany Schnipke, GRAYLI BELLE SCHNIPKE, daughter of Joshua & Brittany Schnipke, ARIA MARILYN BOLDT, daughter of Patrick & Alissa Boldt and HUDSON ROBERT BOCKRATH son of Andrew & Alyssa Bockrath

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT** last weekend for the Church in Latin America collection. Holy Family Parish collected \$637. St. Nicholas Parish collected \$605. These funds will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). Your gift makes a difference!

**CUB SCOUT PACK 207 INVITES VETERANS** to join them on a trip to the Dayton Airforce Museum February 15<sup>th</sup>. Included will be a ride to and from the Museum as well as a box lunch. Meet at St. Nicholas Parish Hall at 8:15am. Participants will return around 4:45pm. Please contact Ben Hopps at 419-615-9720 if interested. We appreciate our veterans!

**THE ANNUAL MEN OF ALL AGES MEAL** will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$8 and children under 10 are \$6. Sign-up sheets are in the entryways of our parish churches. Please sign up by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This meal is for men and boys of both parishes. Your family from other parishes are most welcome to attend with you.

**BECOMING THE WOMAN YOU WERE CREATED TO BE:** A Mother-Daughter "Tea" Program on the Gift of Fertility will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 1:00-4:00pm at Touches from the Heart Banquet Room, 136 S. Main St., Glandorf, Ohio (Entrance behind the building). Teenage women and their mothers are invited to join for an afternoon of tea and engaging presentations. Registration & Payment is required by February 16<sup>th</sup> at <https://eventbrite.com/e/becoming-the-woman-you-were-meant-to-be-a-mother-daughter-tea-program-tickets>

**PUTNAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE** will meet this Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:30pm at Kalida St. Michael Parish Center. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars for the garage and bake sale on March 18 and 19 at the Ottawa K of C. More details to follow in March.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** Today we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP**

**First Communion Parent Meeting** is tomorrow, Monday, February 3 at 7:00pm at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

**Sixth & Seventh Grade Christian Formation** meet this Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Family Religious Education Center and St. Nicholas Upper Rooms.

**Eighth Grade Christian Formation** meets this Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 6:00-7:30pm and at St. Nicholas Church for Adoration from 7:30-8:00pm.

**Freshmen** (HF Parish Hall from 9:30-11:15) and **Sophomores** (SN Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15) meet next Sunday, February 9 for Christian Formation. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** meet today Sunday, February 2.

**All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** are encouraged to attend St. George Deanery's annual Junior High Gathering next Sunday, February 9, "*Your Mission: Be Fearless* at Immaculate Conception, Ottoville. Students may register at the door; the cost is \$10. Everyone is invited to the closing Mass at 6:00pm.

**SN/HF Youth Group's** next meeting is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. **I Am Catholic** meets February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both gatherings will be in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall at 6:00pm.

### **CYO Basketball Schedule:**

**Today, February 2, 2020**

Girls vs. Kalida St. Michael at Miller City at 2:00pm



**CLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the entryway of Holy Family Church. There are two scholarships offered, one from the CLC Life Insurance and one from Holy Family CLC Local 215 members. The same application is used for both scholarships. Please mail CLC Local 215 application directly to Pat Gerten, 8163 Road 5-H, Leipsic OH 45856.

**OTTAWA K of C** will have a Chicken/Fish Fry this Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Proceeds Benefit Putnam County Right to Life. Thank you!

### **SUNDAY DINNER FOR EIGHT AT ST. NICHOLAS RECTORY RAFFLE**

Join Chef Monsignor Singler and assistant Pastoral Intern Alex Elfreich for a *Sunday Dinner for Eight* people at St. Nicholas Rectory in Miller City. Tickets go on sale next weekend, February 8 – 9, after all Lord's Day Masses at Holy Family and St. Nicholas Churches. Only 65 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be held after the 8:30am Lord's Day Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday, February 23, +2020. Proceeds will underwrite remaining expenses from the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: MARCIA BARNHART, LICENSED LIFE INSURANCE AGENT, CLC FRATERNAL ORDER AGENCY:** We can take care of all your life insurance needs and help secure your family's future. Fixed deferred annuities, IRA and Roth IRAs. Call 419-231-1807